IN THE CLAIMS:

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A token purchasing device including

2   a banknote accepting unit for accepting a banknote and determining [[the]] a

3 denomination of the accepted banknote, the banknote accepting unit outputting a banknote value

4 signal based on the denomination of the accepted banknote;

5   a control unit for receiving the banknote value signal, the control unit outputting a

6 token dispensing signal based on the banknote value signal; [[and]]

7   a token dispensing unit for storing and dispensing tokens based on the token

8 dispensing signal;

9   a clock unit for outputting the current time information including date information

10 and time information;

11   a dispensing number setting unit for setting [[the]] a dispensing number of tokens

12 from the token dispenser unit, the dispensing number being determined based on the current time

13 and date information from the clock unit;

14   a touch screen unit for receiving a command from a user, the command from the

15 user ~~indicating~~ displaying the quantity of tokens purchased in a current purchasing mode, the

16 touch screen unit outputting the command from the user to the control unit;

17   a display unit for displaying the dispensing number, the current purchasing mode

18 and user selections, the display unit receiving signals from the control unit; and

19   a dispensing number changing unit for changing the dispensing number based on

20 the current date and the current dispensing number,

21   wherein the dispensing number is changed for both the display unit and the token

22   dispensing unit by the ~~control unit and~~ <u>dispensing number changing unit when</u> the control unit

23   sets a special purchasing mode based on the current time information, date information, hour

24   information, current date information, current hour information and day of the week information

25   by,

26   in a first step, date information and hour information are distinguished, if [[the]] <u>a</u>

27   special purchasing mode start and end times are set, the ~~second~~ <u>first</u> step moves to a second step,

28   in the second step, if [[the]] <u>a</u> special purchasing mode day of the week is set, the

29   dispensing number is changed to the special purchasing mode <u>by</u> referring to <u>the</u> day of the week

30   <u>information,</u> and

31   in a third step, if the special purchasing mode ~~day of the~~ date <u>information is set,</u>

32   the dispensing number is changed to the special purchasing mode <u>by</u> referring to the [[time]] <u>date</u>

33   <u>information.</u>

1   2.   (Cancelled)

1   3.   (Currently Amended) A token purchasing device, comprising:

2   a banknote accepting unit for accepting banknotes and outputting a banknote

3   value signal based on the denomination of the accepted banknote;

4   a clock unit for outputting the current time information;

5   a pseudorandom number generator for indicating [[the]] <u>a</u> predetermined range of

6   times from a start time to an end time;

7   a control unit for receiving the banknote value signal from the banknote accepting

8   unit and the current time information from the clock unit, the control unit storing a

9   predetermined range of times from a start time to an end time, the control unit computing and

10   outputting a token dispensing signal corresponding to a predetermined quantity of tokens, the

11   predetermined quantity of tokens being a first quantity of tokens when the current time is within

12   the predetermined range of times, the predetermined quantity of tokens being a second quantity

13   of tokens when the current time is not within the predetermined range of times, the first quantity

14   of tokens being greater than the second quantity of tokens; and

15   a token dispensing unit for dispensing the predetermined quantity of tokens based

16   on the token dispensing signal from the control unit,

17   wherein the token dispensing signal is automatically changed based on the current

18   time information from the clock unit.

1   4.   (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3,

2   wherein the clock unit includes current date information and current hour

3   information, and

4   wherein the control unit stores a predetermined day information and

5   predetermined hour information, the token dispensing signal being automatically changed based

6   on the current day and current hour information.

1   5.   (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:

2   a display unit for displaying the current purchasing mode and user selections, the

3   display unit receiving signals from the control unit; and

4   a touch screen unit for receiving a command from a user, the command from the

5   user indicating the quantity of tokens purchased in the current purchasing mode, the touch screen

6   unit outputting the command from the user to the control unit.

1 6. (Cancelled)

1 7. (Currently Amended) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further

2 comprising:

3   a speaker connected to the control unit, the speaker for emitting an audible

4 announcement, the audible announcement being an indication of the availability of a special

5 purchasing mode,

6   wherein a user can purchase a greater quantity of tokens for a predetermined

7 banknote value <u>during the special purchasing mode than during a time period when the special</u>

8 <u>purchasing mode is inoperative.</u>

1 8. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:

2   a coin dispensing unit for dispensing coins,

3   wherein the coin dispenser can dispense a predetermined quantity of coins with a

4 value corresponding to the difference between the value of the banknote accepted and the value

5 of the quantity of tokens dispensed.

1 9. (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 3, further comprising:

2   a smart card accepting unit for accepting a smart card, the smart card conveying a

3 predetermined value, the smart card accepting unit reading the value from the smart card and

4 outputting a smart card value signal,

5   wherein the control unit receives the smart card value signal from the smart card

6 accepting unit, the control unit computing a token dispensing signal corresponding to a

7 predetermined quantity of tokens.

10.   (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 5,

wherein the touch screen unit is in a .plane parallel to and overlapping a predetermined portion of the display unit.

11.   (Original) The token purchasing device of Claim 5,

wherein the display unit is a liquid crystal display, a cathode ray tube, a fluorescent character display tube, or a plasma display panel.

12.-13. (Cancelled)

14.   (Currently Amended) In a token purchasing system including

a banknote accepting unit for accepting a banknote and determining [[the]] a denomination of the accepted banknote, the banknote accepting unit outputting a banknote value signal based on the denomination of the accepted banknote;

a control unit for receiving the banknote value signal, the control unit outputting a token dispensing signal based on the banknote value signal; [[and]]

a token dispensing unit for storing and dispensing tokens based on the token dispensing signal, the improvement comprising;

a clock unit for outputting the current time information, the clock unit includes date information, hour information, current date information, current hour information and day of the week information for use by the dispensing number setting unit;

a dispensing number setting unit for setting the dispensing number of tokens from the token dispenser, the dispensing number setting unit for setting the dispensing number of

14   tokens from the token dispenser, the dispensing number being determined based on the current

15   time and date information from the clock unit;

16   a display unit for displaying the dispensing number; and

17   a dispensing number changing unit for changing the dispensing number based on

18   the current dispensing number, wherein

19   the control unit sets a special purchasing mode based on the current time

20   information, date information, hour information, current date information, current hour

21   information and day of the week information by,

22   in a first step, date information and hour information are distinguished, if [[the]] a

23   special purchasing mode start and end times are set, the ~~second~~ first step moves to a second step,

24   in the second step, if [[the]] a special purchasing mode day of the week is set, the

25   dispensing number is changed to the special purchasing mode by referring to the day of the week

26   information, and

27   in a third step, if the special purchasing mode ~~day of the~~ date information is set,

28   the dispensing number is changed to the special purchasing mode by referring to the [[time]] date

29   information.

1   15.   (Previously Amended) The token purchasing system of Claim 14 further

2   including a touch screen unit for receiving a command from a user, the command from the user

3   indicating the quantity of tokens purchased in the current purchasing mode, the touch screen unit

4   outputting the command from the user to the control unit.

1   16.   (Previously Amended) The token purchasing system of Claim 15 wherein the

2   touch screen unit is in a plane parallel to and overlapping a predetermined portion of the display

3   unit.

1   17.   (Previously Amended) The token purchasing system of Claim 16 further

2   including:

3   a speaker connected to the control unit, the speaker for emitting an audible

4   announcement, the audible announcement being an indication of the availability of a special

5   purchasing mode,

6   wherein a user can purchase a greater quantity of tokens for a predetermined

7   banknote value.

1   18.   (Previously Amended) The token purchasing system of Claim 17 further

2   including:

3   a smart card accepting unit for accepting a smart card, the smart card conveying a

4   predetermined value, the smart card accepting unit reading the value from the smart card and

5   outputting a smart card value signal,

6   wherein the control unit receives the smart card value signal from the smart card

7   accepting unit, the control unit computing a token dispensing signal corresponding to a

8   predetermined quantity of tokens.

1   19.   (Previously Presented) The token purchasing system of Claim 14 further

2   including a chassis housing and a chassis door, the display unit and the token dispensing unit are

3   mounted on the chassis door.